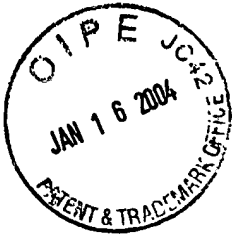


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003 (a RCE request with a request for a three-month extension of time being enclosed), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend Claims 10, 16, 17 and cancel claim 13.